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## To: DME Providers

### Changes for Diabetic Supplies

Effective August 1, 2006, reimbursement for home blood glucose monitors will be limited to one per recipient every five years. The home blood glucose monitor will no longer require prior authorization.

For recipients with **insulin dependent diabetes**, blood glucose test strips or reagent strips are limited to 3 boxes (50 per box) each month. Lancets are limited to 2 boxes (100 per box) each month.

For recipients with **non insulin dependent diabetes**, blood glucose test or reagent strips are limited to 2 boxes (50 per box) each month. Lancets are limited to 1 box (100 per box) each month.

When providing diabetic supplies for Medicaid patients who also have Blue Cross Blue Shield (BC/BS) of Alabama coverage it is important to verify the specific plan coverage. Some plans cover diabetic supplies through the Pharmacy only. If the recipient is covered by a BC/BS plan which requires diabetic supplies to be billed through the pharmacy program using a NDC the recipient and your business is not enrolled as a pharmacy you should refer the patient to a local pharmacy. Any questions regarding plan coverage should be referred to the plan, not Medicaid.

If you have any additional questions or need further clarification, please contact Ida Gray, at (334)-353-4753.

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